

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A device for ~~permanently~~ extending elongate body parts, particularly the penis, comprising a support ring, at least one stretching rod coupled to the a proximal end of the support ring and spring-mounted in an axial direction that can gradually be adjusted in length, and fixing means retained on the a distal end of the stretching rod(s), wherein the fixing means as is a substantially cylindrical preformed component that fully or partially and flexibly surrounds the respective body part and is provided with at least one retaining clip running in a longitudinal direction on the an outer rim of the fixing means and locking sideways into the ~~stretch~~ stretching rod(s) after putting on the fixing means, and wherein said at least one retaining clip is designed as a continuously slotted cylinder with flexible cheeks and a distal stop plate.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 1, wherein the retaining clips extend from the distal section of the fixing means in a stretching direction and beyond its distal end.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the fixing means consists of a concave receiving shell with retaining clips extending from its sides at the distal end and an elastic fastening element.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 4, wherein the fastening element consists of a domed preformed flexible support part from the ends of which extend elastic fastening straps, the outer surfaces of said fastening straps comprising latches for locking the fastening straps into slots of the receiving shell and shackles for releasing the fastening straps and for limiting tension forces.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 5, wherein the latches and slots have rounded edges.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 5, wherein the thickness of the domed support part is multiple times greater than that of the elastic fastening straps.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 5, wherein the fastening element can be adjusted in the longitudinal direction by variably fixing it to the receiving shell, the length of the slots exceeding the width of the fastening strap.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the cylindrical fixing means consists of two shells connected by a hinge and a lock and forming a cylinder, and in that a highly elastic material is applied to the inner surfaces of said shells.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 9, wherein said highly elastic material is an inflatable air cushion ring that is split in the section of the lock.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 10, wherein an inlet and outlet valve is located in the wall of the air cushion ring and in that the inflatable part is inflated using an external pump or compressed air cartridge or a manual pump or compressed air cartridge integrated in the fixing means.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 9, wherein said highly elastic material is a foam or gel.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 9, wherein the two shells differ in size and in that the retaining clips are attached to the bigger shell.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 9, wherein the lock can be adjusted for setting the size of the inner diameter formed by the two shells.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The device according to claim 14, wherein the adjustable lock is a locking, snap fastener, or ~~velcro-system~~ hook and loop fastener.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the fixing means is designed as a one-piece cylindrical, double-walled, inflatable component with a flexible inner wall and a flexible or rigid outer wall and a retaining clip mounted to the outer wall, said component comprising an inlet and outlet valve for inflating and deflating air.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the stretching rods are attached to the support ring using a ball joint and in that the retaining clips are coupled to the fixing means.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 1, wherein the stretching rod for elastic change in length consists of a threaded rod, an adjustment bush screwed to it, and a spring-mounted spring cover telescopically encompasses the adjustment bush, and in that the distal end of the threaded rod comprises a stop piece to prevent complete unscrewing of the adjustment bush.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 18, wherein markings are provided around the perimeter of the adjustment bush to indicate the tensile force generated by the spring cover.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The device according to claim 18, wherein the stretching rod can be combined of multiple extension rods screwed together at various lengths.